

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.

The Office Action

Claims 29-48, 50-52, and 56-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Balestrieri, et al. (US 6,561,690).

Claims 29-52, and 56-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kiraly, et al. (US 6,880,952).

Claims 29-48, 50-52, and 56-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kuisma (US 6,929,382).

The First Anticipation Rejection

The examiner has rejected claims 29-48, 50-52, and 56-61 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Balestrieri, et al. (US 6,561,690). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Balestrieri, et al. does not teach or suggest each and every element of the subject claims.

In particular, independent claim 29 has been amended herein to incorporate the limitations of claim 31 and recites the optic surface residing on the second side of the carrier includes a pair of tracks in which a PCB having at least one LED is slidably mounted within. Balestrieri, et al. does not teach or suggest slidably mounting a PCB having at least one LED within a pair of tracks, as recited in the subject claim. In contrast, Balestrieri, et al. teaches a support 3 with an LED 2 that is statically fixed to a housing 2 via a gluing means such as an adhesive tape. (See col. 3, ll. 11-16).

In view of the above, it is readily apparent that Balestrieri, et al. does not teach or suggest claim 29. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The Second Anticipation Rejection

The examiner has rejected claims 29-52, and 56-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kiraly, et al. (US 6,880,952). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Kiraly, et al. does not teach or suggest each and every element of the subject claims.

As discussed above, independent claim 29 has been amended herein to recite the optic surface of the carrier includes a pair of tracks in which a PCB having at least

one LED is slidably mounted. Likewise, Kiraly, et al. does not teach or suggest such claimed aspects. Instead, Kiraly, et al. discloses a printed wire board (PWB) mounting base 10 that is attached to a base 28 of an assembly and enclosed by brackets 22 and end caps 26 to create a sealed assembly. (See col. 3, l. 63 – col. 4, l. 5). LED cathode and anode leads are mounted to right and left PWB segments 12 and 14, which are securely fastened to the mounting base 10 within left and right troughs 60 and 62 of the mounting base 10. (See col. 4, ll. 6-14). However, Kiraly, et al. does not teach or suggest slidably mounting a PCB having at least one LED within a pair of tracks, as recited in the subject claim.

Since Kiraly, et al. does not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 29, Kiraly, et al. does not anticipate the subject claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of independent claim 29 and dependent claims 30 and 32-61 be withdrawn.

The Third Anticipation Rejection

The examiner has rejected 29-48, 50-52, and 56-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kuisma (US 6,929,382). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Kuisma does not teach or suggest each and every element of the subject claims.

As discussed above, amended independent claim 29 recites an optic surface having a pair of optic tracks that slidably mount a PCB having at least one LED. Kuisma does not teach or suggest such claimed aspects. Rather, Kuisma teaches fixing LEDs to a light fixture at static positions. Kuisma discloses that secondary lighting sources LEDs 6 are arranged in connection with a cover plate 4 of the light fixture (See col. 3, ll. 45-46) and fixed to a connecting plate that is fixed to an installation object (See col. 3, l. 59 – col. 4, l. 5) such as at an intersection of a background part 3 and the cover plate 4 (See Fig. 2) or on a connecting device 1 of the light fixture (See Fig. 4). Hence, Kuisma does not teach or suggest slidably mounting a PCB with an LED to a carrier of a light engine within a pair of tracks, as recited in claim 29.

Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The Objection To The Claims

The examiner has objected to claims 53-55 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in

independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant reserves the right to recast the subject claims at a later date, if needed. However, it is believed that the amendments and comments herein place the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 29-30 and 32-61) are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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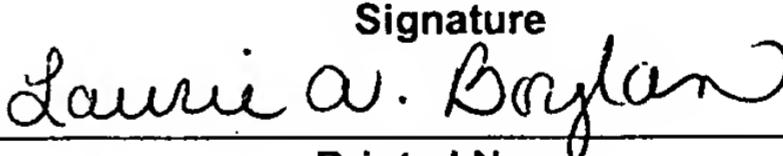
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